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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

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10 DELEGATION TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND THE  
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24 WHEREAS, our Creator, who endowed all people with certain unalienable  
25 rights, also established the union of one man and one woman as the first and  
26 most essential institution in society; and

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28 WHEREAS, throughout human history, the family of one man, one woman,  
29 and their children has been the core social unit of healthy and flourishing  
30 cultures; and

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32 WHEREAS, in 1997, the Arkansas General Assembly passed a Defense of  
33 Marriage Act prohibiting marriages between persons of the same sex and  
34 denying marital benefits to same-sex marriages; and

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36 WHEREAS, it is the public policy of the State of Arkansas to recognize



1 the marital union only of one man and one woman; and

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3 WHEREAS, in 2004, the people of Arkansas overwhelmingly passed an  
4 amendment to the Arkansas Constitution that specifically defined marriage as  
5 being between only one man and one woman; and

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7 WHEREAS, the amendment to the Arkansas Constitution defining marriage  
8 as being between only one man and one woman passed with seventy-five percent  
9 (75%) of the vote; and

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11 WHEREAS, a majority of voters in each of Arkansas' seventy-five (75)  
12 counties voted for the amendment defining marriage; and

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14 WHEREAS, recently there have been serious attempts to change the  
15 historical definition of marriage through legislation and judicial action;  
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18 WHEREAS, recent court action outside of Arkansas may jeopardize the  
19 enforcement of Arkansas' Defense of Marriage Act and the amendment to the  
20 Arkansas Constitution defining marriage,

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22 NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE  
24 STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26 That the Senate of the Eighty-fifth General Assembly of the State of  
27 Arkansas requests that all members of Arkansas' delegation to the United  
28 States House of Representatives and the United States Senate support the  
29 Federal Marriage Amendment to the United States Constitution.

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the  
32 Secretary of the Senate shall transmit copies to each member of the Arkansas  
33 congressional delegation.

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